

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 2098

Fieldwork: 11th - 12th December 2008

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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Vote]

Con	41
Lab	35
Lib Dem	15
Other	10

Other Parties Voting Intention

SNP / PCY	4
BNP	2
UKIP	2
Green	1
Respect	0
Other	1

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	8
Don't know	13

Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as prime minister?

Very well	5
Fairly well	33
Fairly badly	29
Very badly	26
Don't know	8

Do you think David Cameron is doing well or badly as Conservative leader?

Very well	6
Fairly well	40
Fairly badly	27
Very badly	12
Don't know	15

Do you think Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	2
Fairly well	26
Fairly badly	23
Very badly	11
Don't know	39

Who would you trust more to raise you and your family's standard of living?

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	28
David Cameron and George Osborne	29
Neither	31
Don't know	12

In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	0
Quite good	2
Neither good nor bad	8
Quite bad	46
Very bad	42
Don't know	2

Over the next 12 months do you think Britain's economy will...

Grow at a faster rate than over the past 12 months	1
Grow at about the same rate	3
Grow more slowly	16
Not grow at all	23
Go into recession	55
Don't know	3

Do you think house prices in your area will rise or fall over the next 12 months?

Rise by more than 10%	1
Rise by less than 10%	3
Stay about the same	19
Fall by less than 10%	42
Fall by more than 10%	31
Don't know	5

Do you fear that you or a close member of your family will lose their job as a result of the current financial crisis?

Yes, I do fear this	42
No, I don't	29
Not sure	23
Not applicable – neither I nor any close member of my family	6

Who would you trust most to handle this crisis?

Gordon Brown & Alistair Darling	31
David Cameron & George Osborne	27
Neither	30
Don't know	12

The Government has recently announced a number of measures to help tackle the current recession, including a temporary reduction in VAT for the next 12 months, support for mortgage-payers who lose their jobs, and rises in taxation in 2011, especially for people with high incomes.

In general do you support or oppose these measures?

Support	54
Oppose	30
Don't know	16

Do you think these measures will help to make things better, by keeping the recession shorter, and less severe than it would have been had these measures not been taken?

Definitely make things better	3
Probably make things better	25
TOTAL BETTER	28
Make little difference either way	45
Probably make things worse	12
Definitely make things worse	5
TOTAL WORSE	17
Not sure	10

Do you think these measures will overall be good or bad for you and your family?

Good	12
Not make much difference either way	63
Bad	18
Not sure	9

Which of these statements comes closer to your own view?

'It is right for the government to increase borrowing sharply at a time like this, in order to support the economy and stop the recession becoming too deep'	27
'It is wrong for the government to increase borrowing so sharply: any short-term benefits will be less than the longer term costs to the economy and to taxpayers'	48
Don't know	24

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

'Gordon Brown is a major global figure these days, taking a lead in deciding policies to tackle the world's economic problems'

Agree	40
Disagree	44
Don't know	16

'David Cameron is right to say that Labour's spending plans can't be afforded, and to promise to cut spending if the Conservatives win the next general election'

Agree	43
Disagree	32
Don't know	25

'The Government isn't really interested in what is best for the long-term future of Britain's economy - only in doing those things that it thinks will help win the next election'

Agree	53
Disagree	32
Don't know	16

'The Conservatives are a 'do nothing' party - they don't understand that these are exceptional times that need exceptional measures'

Agree	38
Disagree	39
Don't know	24

Thinking of the European Single Currency which of the following statements would come closest to your own view?

Britain should definitely join as soon as possible	11
Join if and when the economic conditions are right	27
Stay out for at least the next four or five years	22
Rule out on principle	31
Don't know	10

If there were a referendum tomorrow on whether Britain should join Europe's single currency, the euro, how would you vote?

In favour of joining	24
Against joining	59
Would not vote	4
Don't know	13

Turning to the issue of climate change: last week protestors from the Plane Stupid group disrupted flights at Stansted airport in a protest over airport expansion.

Which of the following best fits your view on airport expansion?

We have to expand our airport capacity or else suffer long-term economic damage	50
We shouldn't expand airport capacity any more even if it does hurt the economy	30
Don't know	21

What is your view of the Stansted protestors?

I support both their motives and their methods	8
I support their motives but I don't approve of their methods	40
I don't support either their motives or their methods	41
Don't know	12

Thinking about 'green' concerns, as opposed to economic factors, are you doing any of the following?

Taking fewer flights

Yes	41
No	50
Don't know	9

Travelling less by car

Yes	44
No	51
Don't know	5

Driving in a more fuel-efficient way

Yes	60
No	30
Don't know	10

Using less energy at home

Yes	77
No	18
Don't know	4

Turning to another issue, Sky TV has broadcast film of a man with a terminal disease undergoing an assisted suicide in a clinic in Switzerland, where assisted suicide is legal. The broadcaster said the film, shown with the consent of the man's widow, was to increase awareness.

Were they right or wrong to show the film?

Right to show the film	61
Wrong	27
Don't know	12

In Britain, assisted suicide is illegal. However, prosecutors said this week they would not charge the parents of a young British rugby player, paralysed by injury, who they assisted with suicide.

Were they right or wrong not to charge the parents?

Right not to charge the parents	85
Wrong – they should have charged the parents	8
Don't know	8

If you had a terminal disease for which there is no possible cure would you personally consider the option of assisted suicide travelling abroad if necessary?

Yes	61
No	15
Don't know / Prefer not to say	25

Do you think British law should be kept as it is, or should it be changed so that people with incurable diseases have the right to ask close friends or relatives to help them commit suicide, without those friends or relatives risking prosecution?

The law should be kept as it is	19
The law should be changed to allow assisted suicide in these circumstances	69
Don't know	12

Thinking about sport; the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year will be chosen on Sunday. Which from the final 10 would you vote for?

Lewis Hamilton (Formula One champion)	24
Chris Hoy (Olympic cyclist)	18
Rebecca Adlington (Olympic swimmer)	17
Joe Calzaghe (Champion boxer)	9
Andy Murray (tennis player)	3
Ben Ainslie (Olympic yachtsman)	2
Nicole Cooke (Olympic cyclist)	2
Bradley Wiggins (Olympic cyclist)	1
Christine Ohuruogu (Olympic runner)	1
Rebecca Romero (Olympic cyclist)	1
None of these	6
Don't know	17

In the light of the recession, which of these options would you favour for the 2012 Olympic Games, to be staged in London?

Spending and planning should continue on existing budgets, irrespective of the downturn	37
We should have an "austerity" Olympics with spending scaled right back and existing facilities used	43
We should try to get another country to host them, even at this late stage	11
Don't know	8

If you had to choose one from the following list to spend Christmas with who would it be?

Prince Charles	37
Gordon Brown	8
David Cameron	8
The Archbishop of Canterbury	8
Nick Clegg	4
Peter Mandelson	3
Don't know	33

Which two or three of the following groups do you least admire?

Professional footballers	46
Politicians	42
Bankers	35
Estate agents	33
The chief executives of large companies	33
Journalists	22
Civil servants	13
Lawyers	9
Police chiefs	7
Doctors	2
Don't know	5